

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**Staff Workshops on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation
Block Grant Program Funding Preliminary Guidelines for
Small Cities and Counties
(American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009)**

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will conduct four workshops for **small cities and counties** to discuss the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (Block Grant) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The workshops for *small* cities and counties will focus on the proposed program design and preliminary guidelines.

SAME AGENDA FOR ALL FOUR WORKSHOPS — No Reservation is Necessary

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department
9601 Ridgehaven Court
First Floor, Auditorium
San Diego, CA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

City of Santa Ana, Hall of Administration
Commission Room, First Floor
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 10 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA

and

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Shasta County Administration Center
1450 Court Street, Room 263
Redding, CA

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

City of Ripon
Council Chambers
259 N. Wilma Avenue
Ripon, CA

This workshop will be webcast via WebEx.

(All locations are Wheelchair Accessible)

The Energy Commission will receive \$49.6 million for the Block Grant program through the ARRA. At least 60 percent of the funds, \$29.8 million, from the program are to fund activities in small cities with populations less than 35,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000.

Remote Attendance

JOIN THE LIVE WEBINAR ON July 16 at 1 p.m. in Ripon

How to Access the July 16 at 1 p.m. in Ripon WebEx Meeting

REGISTRATION

1. To register for this event, go to
<https://energy.webex.com/energy/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=928335514>
2. Click the “Register” button at the bottom of the page.
3. Provide your information as requested.
4. You will receive a confirmation email message that contains the details to join the event.

COMPUTER LOGON

Follow the instructions in your confirmation email to join the meeting a few minutes early.

TELEPHONE ONLY (No Computer Access)

If you cannot join the meeting by computer, you can listen by phone. Call toll free 1-866-469-3239 and enter the Meeting Number **928 335 514** followed by the # key. When asked for your Attendee ID number, please press the # key. You will then be entered into the call of the meeting on a muted line.

If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239. Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.

WebEx audiences will be able to submit questions on areas of interest during the meeting to be addressed by workshop participants via email at [eecbg@energy.state.ca.us].

Purpose

These workshops will inform the various stakeholders, specifically small cities and counties, of the Energy Commission's proposed Block Grant program design elements and objectives and present the proposed guidelines for distribution of funds. The specific proposal to allocate funds will be discussed to better understand the

opportunities and issues with the proposal. Energy Commission staff will discuss how small jurisdictions may apply for and use the funds. All workshops will follow the same agenda and address the same topics.

Staff will discuss United States Department of Energy (DOE) and state legislative guidance on funding, scope of program, allocation and disbursement of funds to the State of California through the ARRA-related Block Grant funds.

A detailed agenda and preliminary guidelines will be provided in advance of all workshops and will be available online at: [www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/].

Background

The ARRA will provide \$787 billion nationally in economic investment to jump start the economy and create jobs for Americans.

The Energy Commission is administering two programs, the State Energy Program (SEP) for approximately \$226 million and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for approximately \$49.6 million. A third program, the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program estimated at approximately \$30 million will be announced by DOE later this year.

In addition, there is more than \$37 billion available nationally that the DOE will administer through competitive grants and other financing for energy and climate change related programs. The Energy Commission will work with other state agencies, utilities, and public and private entities to identify ways to leverage these funds for California projects.

Other workshops will focus on guidelines and funding criteria for the SEP and the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program.

If you have not yet signed up for the Energy Commission's list server on the recovery program please do so at [www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/].

Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics may be submitted until 5 p.m. on July 21, 2009. Please include the docket number 09-OII-01 and indicate **Energy Block Grant Guidelines** in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original and 11 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission **encourages comments by e-mail**. Please include your name or organization's in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide an original and 11 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in its activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us]. Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Mail Lists: Recovery List Server

Note: California Energy Commission's formal name is State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.